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TUBE PLUG"

EXAMINER: James F. Hook

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SIR:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§121 and 372 between Group I - Claims - 1-10 and 16-24 and Group II - Claims 11-15.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Group I - Claims 1-10 and 16-24 for further examination.

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